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Filed: November 29, 2001	)	
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD	)	
FOR CONTROLLING USER	)	
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Commissioner for Patents  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

- (1) JP 02-197862
- (2) JP 09-198191
- (3) JP 2001-195166

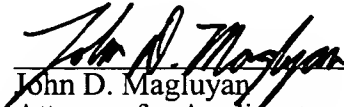
Documents (1) to (3) were cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Notice Of Grounds For Rejection, dated May 10, 2005 is enclosed, together with an English-language translation thereof.

English-language abstracts accompany each of documents (1) to (3). The concise explanation of relevance for each of the non-English language documents (1) to (3) is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English translation of the Notice Of Grounds For Rejection and the English-language abstracts. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,  
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
	02-197862	08/1990	Japan			Abstract
	09-198191	07/1997	Japan			Abstract
	2001-195166	07/2001	Japan			Abstract

## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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